

REMARKS

The present Amendment After Allowance is being made to address minor informalities.

In that the claim amendments do not alter the scope of any claims, they will not be regarded as "narrowing" claim amendments.

The amendments presented herein were not presented earlier for the reason that the review yielding the conclusion that the amendments would be desirable was not conducted until after the close of prosecution.

No amendment presented herein contains new matter.

In reviewing the application prior to payment of the issue fee applicants were unable to find an indication on the record that references of the Information Disclosure Statements dated April 19, 2004, February 05, 2007, and July 15, 2008 have been initialed as being considered by the Examiner.

The Office is respectfully requested to delay issuance of the present application until the Office confirms that all information submitted for consideration by the application has been considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, the passage of the present application to allowance will serve as an indication that all information submitted for consideration by the applicants has been considered by the Examiner.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe all of the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to issue of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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Respectfully submitted,

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